

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 and 31-34 remain in this application. Claims 26-30 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 17 and 22 have been amended. Claims 31-34 have been added. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-25 are allowed. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the examination and for finding allowable subject matter. Claims 31-34 have been added and are also believed to be allowable.

35 U.S.C. §101 Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 26-30 under 35 U.S.C. §101. These claims have been cancelled. Therefore the rejection is moot.

35 U.S.C. §102(b) Rejection - Beckwith, Jr. et al.

The Examiner has rejected claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,682,160 to Beckwith, Jr. et al. These claims have been cancelled. Therefore the rejection is moot.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed at the earliest possible date.

Request For Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call Brent E. Vecchia at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request For An Extension Of Time

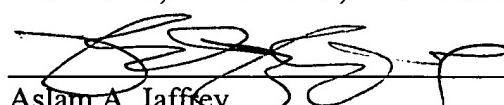
The Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for such an extension.

Charge Our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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